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SUBJ: NICOSIA AIRPORT

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 13 UK HICOMER OLVER MENTIONED TO US THAT OPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT HAD BEEN ONE OF TOPICS DISCUSSED AT RECENT LONDON MEETING OF CALLAGHAN AND UK AMBASSADORS CONCERNED WITH CYPRUS QUESTION. OLVER SAID THAT BRITISH WERE FOCUSING ATTENTION UPON REPAIR OF AIRFIELD RATHER THAN UPON ACTUAL REOPENING, EVIDENTLY ON THEORY THAT TAKING PROCESS ONE STEP AT A TIME MORE EFFECTIVE IN LONG RUN. OLVER NOTED THAT TURKEY SEEMED MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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AMENABLE TO THIS SUGGESTION THAN GREECE WHICH HAD SUDDENLY

DEVELOPED COLD FEET. BRITISH WOULD BE GOING BACK TO ATHENS, AND OLVER WILL PURSUE WITH CLERIDES IN HOPE HE CAN INFLUENCE GOGREECE.

2. OUR POSITION, WHICH WE HAVE ARGUED AT EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, IS THAT IT IS IN INTERESTS OF ALL NOT ONLY TO REPAIR AIRFIELD BUT ALSO TO REOPEN IT INITIALLY FOR RELIEF FLIGHTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. QUESTION OF EXPANDED USE OF INTERNATIONAL AIR FACILITIES, SCHEDULED CYPRUS AIR FLIGHTS TO AND FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA, ETC., WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBJECT OF MORE COMPLICATED NEGOTIATION, WHICH COULD COMMENCE AT MOMENT CONVENIENT IN CONTEXT OF EXISTING POLITICAL TALKS. UN IS FOLLOWING SIMILAR APPROACH. CRAWFORD

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